

PART II--Section 2.

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BUDGET SESSION.

(June and July 1929.)

No. 557—L. C., dated 9th August 1929.

The Budget Session of the Legislative Council was held in Bangalore, from the 24th June to 1st July 1929. In the absence of the President, *Rajakaryaprasakta Diwan Bahadur* M. N. Krishna Rao, First Member of Council, presided. All the members were present except Messrs. Ralph Nye and A. Krishna Rao.

1. NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members took their seats after making the prescribed oath of allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja:—

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| 1. <i>Rajasabhabhushana</i> K. Chandy. | 4. Mr. B. Narayanaswami Iyengar. |
| 2. Dr. S. Subba Rao. | 5. Mr. A. R. Nageswara Iyer. |
| 3. Mr. P. Mahadevayya. | |

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported to the House that the Regulations noted below had received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja, on the respective dates specified against them.

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| 1. A Regulation to amend the Civil Procedure Code, 1911 | ... 31st December 1928. |
| 2. A Regulation to amend the Mysore District Board Regulation, 1926 | ... 31st December 1928. |
| 3. A Regulation further to amend the Mysore Municipal Regulation, 1906 | ... 2nd January 1929. |

3. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Out of the 132 questions on the agenda, answers to 127 questions were furnished in print to the members. Supplementary questions were asked on many of them and they were also answered.

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

There was a motion by Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing the recent disturbances at Davangere. It was taken up at 4 P.M., on the first day of the Session. The debate on it continued till 6-30 P.M., and closed with a statement by the Second Member of Council, who had visited the scene of occurrence, giving a full account of the disturbances and the measures adopted by Government to restore order and bring the offenders to justice.

5. BILLS.

Leave was granted for the introduction of two new Bills, one to designate the Chief Court of Mysore, as the High Court and the other to amend the District Boards Regulation for the purpose of enabling the District Economic Superintendents and such other officers as the Government may deem fit to attend and address the meetings of the District Boards.

The reports of the Select Committees to which the Bills to amend the Securities Regulation, the Prevention of Adulteration Regulation, the Government Savings Bank Act, 1873, and the Income-tax Regulation had been referred, were presented to the Council and the passing of these Bills deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Three Bills were finally passed, *viz.*, the Bill to provide for the better regulation of Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories, as amended by the Select Committee, the Bill to amend the Co-operative Societies Regulation as re-drafted by the Select Committee, with certain further amendments and the Bill to amend the Prevention of Adulteration Regulation. The first of these measures is intended to prevent admixture in cotton ginning and

pressing factories in the interests of the reputation of the superior varieties of cotton grown in the State, the second to provide the necessary statutory authority for bringing into operation the Land Mortgage Bank Scheme sanctioned by Government and the last to limit the jurisdiction in respect of offences under the Prevention of adulteration Regulation to Stipendiary Magistrates of the First and Second Class and specially empowered Benches of Honorary Magistrates.

6. BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

The general discussion of the Budget took place on the first two days and the voting of grants for the year 1929-30, occupied the next four days. There were 255 cut motions on the demands for these grants. Most of them were either not moved or were withdrawn after discussion and all the demands were passed.

7. SUPPLEMENTARY AND ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR 1928-29.

The demands for supplementary and additional grants for the year 1928-29, were taken up on the seventh day of the Session. The necessity for the grants asked for having been explained, the few cut motions that were moved were withdrawn and the demands passed.

8. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Public Accounts Committee, on the Audit and Appropriation Report for the year 1927-28, was adopted.

9. ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE COURT OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BANGALORE.

The election of a representative of the Council to the Court of the Indian Institute of Science, was held on the 29th June. There were eight candidates and Mr. N. Rama Rao, Secretary to Government in the Development Departments, having polled the largest number of votes was declared duly elected.

10. RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions on the Agenda numbered 88, but only four of them were moved. Two of them were withdrawn after discussion and two were put to vote and lost.

One of these resolutions, moved by Mr. Bagamane Deva Gowda, recommended increased allotment for the purpose of providing for primary education in at least one hobli in each Taluk every year. The Director of Public Instruction suggested instead that each Village Panchayet area might be given a school to begin with. The Third Member of Council pointed out that the introduction of compulsory education in one hobli in each Taluk every year, would involve an expenditure progressively of Rs. 5 lakhs a year and added that the Government would rather spend that money all over the State instead of in a few hoblies only. The resolution was in the end withdrawn.

Mr. Sylvester Pais recommended the appointment of a small Committee of Europeans and Indian Planters with the Revenue Commissioner as Chairman to lay down a comprehensive policy to guide Revenue Officers in the fixing of upset price of coffee lands. The Revenue Commissioner, in opposing this Resolution, explained that there being only about 8,000 acres of land and the best available land having already been taken up, the appointment of a Committee would serve no useful purpose and that he himself was trying to redress all reasonable grievances. The Second Member of Council added that Government were aware of the need for giving every legitimate encouragement to planters and would consider the whole question shortly. On this assurance the resolution was withdrawn.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa suggested the constitution of a Staff Selection Board to assist in making appointments of all grades so as to remove the existing inequality in the representation of backward communities in the Government Service. The Third Member explained that though the grievances to which this resolution gave expression were real, the position had considerably improved as a result of the revised rules of recruitment in regard to the appointments to which those rules applied. As regards higher appointments, he said that the number of such appointments was small and that it was impracticable therefore to ensure adequate representation to all communities. He added that in Mysore there was not the same need for Staff Selection Boards as in British Indian Provinces where a system of party Government was in existence and it was necessary to remove appointments in the public service from the sphere of political influence. The resolution was put to vote and lost.

The Council thereupon adjourned *sine die*.

By Order,
P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Ex-officio Secretary,
Mysore Legislative Council.